

## HEADS' LETTER

FEBRUARY 15, 2007

**PRESIDENTS' WEEKEND: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**THROUGH MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19**  
**SCHOOL RESUMES ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
**ENJOY A WONDERFUL FAMILY WEEKEND!**



**MULTI-CULTURAL DAY IN REVIEW:**  
**CONGRATULATIONS MIDDLE SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF**  
**FOR PREPARING AN INTERNATIONAL EXTRAVAGANZA**



### PREPARING FOR MULTI-CULTURAL DAY:

All Middle school activities were a result of classroom curriculum that provided an opportunity to live Language Arts benchmarks for presentation skills that include speaking, reading, and writing in the content areas. For example:

**Sixth Graders** researched a particular "wonder" of the ancient world as they participated in an in-depth study of ancient cultures. They created amazing 3-D models and descriptions of each replica. These true-to-life models became a spectacular museum for the rest of the school to visit right here in the IDS Middle School. Sixth graders also researched a recipe of a country and prepared a description of that food. They brought in their assigned food the day of the Café and served the rest of the school as they rotated in and out of the event. In the **sixth grade science classes**, all students researched the life of an important scientist in the world from past to present. To present their information, the students created poster "pillars" that included a biography, accomplishment and global significance of the scientist's work. These were on the tables at the Café and shared by the middle school multi-grade level table hosts.

**Seventh Graders** worked in "country" teams to research a specific **world** problem and made a proposal to the "Mock UN". On the day of the Café, students took specific roles during the Mock UN Debate and acted out the proposals by debating and voting on each item. English and Social Studies classes focused on preparing the research, writing, and oral presentations so that each debate was founded on serious study and key ideas on international issues. **Seventh graders** also brilliantly learned about the rate of international exchange and applied the information by creating a lesson plan to explain rate of exchange of currency in the world to their visitors (the rest of the school) during the Multi-Cultural Café!!! Their homemade place mats gave the visiting children an opportunity to do activities throughout their time at the Café...

**Eighth Graders:** Through Spanish class, eighth graders had the option to create and present hand-painted tiles representing a specific country or create a presentation on a prominent person of Afro-Latino background. They also researched their personal roots and brought an item from home representing their own cultures for presentation at the Café. In English classes, they worked to polish and practice oral presentations with specific emphasis on capturing and keeping the attention of the younger students. They learned how to present in ways that are age-appropriate. Poise and confidence, which would be the envy of any adult, were the outcome of these lessons!!

**All Middle Schoolers** **1.** had an orientation in how to be an excellent table host, **2.** were part of a stage presentation, which included either a fashion show, sharing music of their culture, an emcee or a dance presentation and **3.** were part of rotations when they were not the hosts that included three rounds: an art rotation where they made flags and fans to send to our Chinese sister schools to honor the Chinese New Year, worked on the slide show that showed what we do here, and

used Kagan structures to study multi-cultural folktales to get another flavor of international commonalities and differences. In the afternoon, all middle schoolers met in their homerooms to Plus/Delta the Café; an activity where we analyze what worked well and what can be even better or changed. They also reflected in writing on their experience and they connected to the traits of the International Baccalaureate Learner Profile. It was quite a full day of learning for both the visiting students from the Eastside and the amazing Middle Schoolers on the Westside! Bravo to the teachers for a stellar event for all!!!

**“Multi-Cultural Day”** By Zach Dyer (7<sup>th</sup> grade)

On February 8, the entire IDS school celebrated Multi-Cultural Day staged by the middle school. From the scrumptious international snacks to the spicy fashion show, everyone had a ball! The eighth grade students were responsible for a roving museum artifact based on their own family heritage. The seventh graders were responsible for creating a proposal for a UN debate and also explaining the currency of different countries. To top it off, the sixth graders prepared delicious snacks representing the agricultural products or customs from particular countries. The fashion show by some seventh and eighth graders included styles and fabrics from other countries. The seventh graders also created interactive placemats to compliment the other activities. The middle schoolers all took a turn being a charming table host. After an hour-long program in the middle school gym, the east campus visitors took a tour of the sixth graders’ Ancient Cultures Museum in the common spaces. The museum featured 3-D projects depicting architectural or artistic legacies of the cultures the sixth graders have studied. After hosting, serving, and performing all morning, many middle schoolers admitted to being exhausted at the end of the day.

**Upper Primary reviews the Middle School experience for Multi-Cultural Day:** Our students enjoyed learning about a variety of cultures at events during Multi-Cultural Day. The fashion show, food tastings, and ethnic dances were a big hit with both boys and girls alike, and all the students were able to gain knowledge by touring the incredible museum display. Because our Upper Primary students have been researching world symbols, it was just awesome for them to be able to view museum displays, research reports, and souvenirs collected and created by their older friends from the West side of the campus. We all learned how important it is to understand and appreciate each other’s similarities and differences. It is these similarities and differences that make our world a special place!

## HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

It was a glorious experience for our IDS representatives to the Science Fair on Monday as they answered questions about how they derived the data from their Science experiments from the Hillsborough County judges. On Wednesday night, at the Sun Dome, awards were presented and there were many proud smiles.

### INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

- Juliana do Prado (3rd): “How Does Temperature Affect the Rate of Evaporation?” Excellence Medal**
- Jeremy Leeds (3rd): “Which Chocolate Melts the Fastest?” Outstanding Medal**
- Jack McMahan (3rd): “Does the Temperature of a Baseball Affect Its Bounce? Excellence Medal**
- Jenny Astell (4th): “Which Type of Water Helps Radishes Grow Bigger?” Outstanding Medal**
- David Friedman (4th): “What’s the Pitch? Does gender play a role in the ability to match pitch?” Superior Medal**
- Alana Robertson (4th): “How Does the Temperature of Salt Water Affect Buoyancy?” Excellence Medal**
- Anthony Bellini (5th): “Does Caffeine Have an Affect on Blood Pressure?” Merit Award**
- Jake Caldevilla (5th): “Action Figure Showdown” Excellence Medal and newspaper coverage**
- Josh Hess (5th): “Which Nut Heats Water the Best? Outstanding Medal**

### GROUP PROJECTS

- Avi Baskin & Jordan Fuller (4th): “Mission: Protect the Plants” Excellence Medals**
- Katie Bernstine & Kaitlyn Bumpass (4th): “Savor the Flavor” Excellence Medals**

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Louis Betz (6<sup>th</sup>): “Hurricane Preparedness” Awarded: Merit Award**
- Abigail Friedman (6<sup>th</sup>): “Do Brain Breaks Increase Test Scores?” Awarded - Florida Psychology Award, certificate and cash award**
- Troy Mainzer (7<sup>th</sup>): “How Does Braiding Fishing Line Affect the Strength of the Line?” Awarded - Merit Award**
- Kritos Vasiloudes (7<sup>th</sup>): “Can Adjusting the pH of Lake Water Control Algae Blooms?” Awarded - Merit Award**
- Chad Hannah (8<sup>th</sup>): “Crystals and Electricity” Awarded - Naval Science Award, certificate, and medallion**



## PFA/BIG EVENT NEWS

# Pack Your Bags!

## 16 days until the Big Event!

*Get your passport for our Celebration of Nations!*



Have you turned in your RSVP yet? Remember prices go up to \$60 per person at the door! Book the sitters and turn in your RSVP to the front office or in Thursday folders NOW!



The auction has something to offer EVERYONE at all prices. There are trips, jewelry, purses, personal training sessions, spa packages, theme park tickets, birthday party packages, horseback riding lessons, dining gift certificates, autographed team Lightning hockey stick, Bucs tickets, and UNBELIEVABLE once- in- a- lifetime opportunities for your kids. "TRAVEL" on over March 3 & get in on the fun!

Just a note from your travel agents: The Big Event Committee meets every Thursday at 8:15 am. Join us or call Julie at 382-2525.

See the inserts again this week for your exciting raffle opportunities! The TCO raffle will sell only 125 tickets and have one winner. This lucky parent will receive a \$5,000 discount on next year's tuition! Wow! The Send Your Teacher Packing raffle allows your child to show appreciation to the world's hardest working teachers and staff! For only \$5.00, you can enter your favorite IDS staff member's name into a drawing to win a weekend away to fabulous St. Pete beach!

(This trip has been generously donated by Sheree Wood and Nancy Faggianelli)



A million thanks to the students of IDS for the overwhelming response to the Catalog Cover Contest. The teachers and staff were so proud of all of the entries! The votes were simply too close to call! This year's winners are:

- Tied for first place: Cassidy Brown and Yael Velvel
- Second place: Abigail Friedman
- Third place: Michael Gruden

All of the entries will be displayed at the Big Event! Bravo to you all for such creative and beautiful masterpieces! They were simply terrific!

SEE YOU AT THE BIG EVENT! BON VOYAGE!

# CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC ITEMS: SCHOOL POLICY

**Parents please partner with us on this matter! Thanks!!!**

The REMINDER below is from the IDS-CC 2006 – 2007 Student/Parent Handbook on page 14. Cell phones, iPods and other electronics need to be left at home. If parents want to reach their children before or after school with a cell phone, then please join us in requiring that the cell phone stays in the backpack, turned off until the students leave the school property. We have a great phone system here from 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. If you need an extended day student, please call (813) 961-3087 ext. 319. Any cell phones that are found outside of the book bag will be turned into the office with parents needing to pick it up. Thanks for your support and assistance.



## **ELECTRONICS** (IDS-CC 2006 – 2007 Student/Parent Handbook page 14)

Personal electronics such as GameBoys, beepers, cell phones, laser pointers, mp3 players, and CD players are to remain at home. This includes times during school and the extended day program. Parents, please help us to enforce this rule. Such items will be turned in to the office if found at school.

## COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENT



### MP Tennis Center

#### **Carrollwood Store**

14845 N Dale Mabry Hwy  
(813) 961-8844

#### **New Tampa Store**

18033 Highwoods Preserve Pkwy  
(813) 866-5000

#### **MP Tennis Center**

8419 N Hubert Ave  
(813) 882-3620

### Junior Clinics

#### **Monday & Wednesday**

4:00 to 5:00-Pee Wee (age 7 & under)  
5:00 to 6:00-Beginner  
6:00 to 7:00-Intermediate

#### **Tuesday & Thursday**

5:00 to 7:00—Advanced (all ages)

#### **Saturday**

12:00 to 1:00- Beginner/Intermediate

**Junior Grand Prix held every Saturday at 1:00 p.m.!**

**Practice at our clinics and play matches every Saturday! All junior tennis players welcome to play! Players earn points for attendance and for games won! There is a season-end tournament. Learn to play in a fun environment!**

If you are interested in running an advertisement in the *Heads' Letter*, please contact: Celeste Ross at (813) 961-3087.  
¼ page \$100, ½ page \$175, full back page \$250. *Advertisements run only when space is available.*

**Please see  
"All School"  
enclosures also  
found in  
Thursday Folder.**

# Window to the World

## Tuition Credit Opportunity!

Save \$5,000 on 2007 - 2008 Tuition!

You could be the very lucky recipient of the PFA sponsored annual Tuition Credit Opportunity, or TCO, which will be chosen on March 3, 2007 at this year's Big Event. The winner will automatically receive a credit of \$5,000 towards his or her child's 2007 - 2008 tuition. Only 125 tickets will be sold, so be sure to act quickly. Here are some details on how the TCO works:

- Funds raised from the sale of Tuition Credit Opportunities will be split two ways: \$5,000 will be automatically applied towards the tuition of the child whose family wins the TCO. The balance will be added to the net proceeds of "Window To The World". These proceeds go into the IDS General Operating Fund, thereby helping IDS keep its tuition costs as low as possible.
- You may purchase TCOs from now up to and including the night of the Big Event on March 3. Only 125 TCOs will be sold. By purchasing two, you are able to increase your chances of winning and get a value price on the tickets!



# of TCOs	Purchase Amount
1	\$100.00
2	\$175.00



- There can only be one winning TCO for the year; however, if you share the cost of a TCO ticket with a friend and that ticket wins, the tuition credit can be split. (Just make sure that all purchasers' names are on the TCO purchase form.) For all remaining participants, the cost of the ticket is tax deductible. (Please consult your personal tax professional.)
- You will be contacted by phone if you are elsewhere the night of the Big Event, although you will definitely enjoy yourselves if you are there!
- Fill out the form below, include your check payable to IDS, and either mail it to IDS-attn: TCO or return it in your child's Thursday folder by Thursday, March 1, 2007. Ticket(s) purchased prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> will be included in your child's Thursday folder the following week. Tickets purchased after March 1<sup>st</sup> will be in your registration packet at the Big Event. Any one who plans to be elsewhere that evening can pickup their ticket(s) in the school office.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/ City/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the option that applies:  1 TCO ticket at \$100       2 TCO tickets at \$175

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# BIG EVENT!



## Send a Teacher Packing!

For only \$5, you could send your favorite IDS employee on a fabulous 2 night trip for rest and relaxation!

This raffle is a school fundraiser and the winner's name will be drawn at **Window to the World** on March 3. What better way to show appreciation to our very special "above and beyond" faculty and staff? In addition, you'll be raising money for the school, too!

Here's how it works:

- Each raffle ticket costs \$5.
- Purchase as many as you choose. (Additional copies are in the office.)
- Purchase them for anyone who works at IDS. (teachers, administrative staff and/or maintenance workers)
- The winning ticket will be drawn at 10:00 pm at the Big Event. The more tickets purchased for a person, the higher his/her chance is of winning a fabulous 2 night getaway!
- To purchase your raffle tickets, complete the bottom of the page and return it with cash or a check (made to IDS) in your child's Thursday folder.

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(PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN)

IDS EMPLOYEE NAME (S): \_\_\_\_\_

PURCHASER: \_\_\_\_\_

# RAFFLE TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5= \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

# WEEKLY SPORTS UPDATE

February 19-24, 2007

Daily Sports Hotline: (813) 961-3087 ext. 399



Date	Time	Team/Sport	School	Location	Pick-Up	Pick-Up/Comments
Mon. 2/19		School Holiday	Athletes' Day Off			
Tues. 2/20	3:00	Vermont Girls B-ball	Practice	M.S. Gym	5:00	Middle School
Weds.	4:00	Boys Track Meet	Berkeley	Berkeley	7:45	Middle School
2/21	3:00	Red Baseball	Practice	Baseball Field	5:00	Middle School
	off	White Baseball	off			
	3:00	Softball	Practice	Softball field	5:00	Middle School
	3:00	Tennis	Practice	MP Tennis	5:00	Middle School
Thur.	4:00	Girls Track Meet	Berkeley	Berkeley	7:45	Middle School
2/22	3:00	White Baseball	Practice	Baseball field	5:00	Middle School
	off	Red Baseball	off			
	3:00	Softball	Practice	Softball field	5:00	Middle School
	3:00	Tennis	Practice	MP Tennnis	5:00	Middle School
Fri.	3:00	Red Baseball	Practice	Baseball field	4:00	Middle School
2/23	3:00	White Baseball	Practice	Baseball field	5:00	Middle School
	3:00	Boys & Girls Track	Practice	Forest Hills	4:45	Middle School
	3:00	Softball	Practice	Softball field	5:00	Middle School
	3:00	Tennis	Practice	MP Tennis	5:00	Middle School
Sat, 2/24	12:00	Vermont Girls B-ball	Practice	MS Gym	3:00	Middle School

Directions: BERKELEY PREP SCHOOL: 4811 Kelly Rd. Tampa, (813) 885-1673.

Dale Mabry south to the Hillsborough exit. Take a right onto Hillborough at the end of the ramp. Left onto Kelly road (TJ Maxx and Mobil station on the corner). The school is on the left.